

MINUTES

GAINESVILLE URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MTPO)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

NCFRPC Charles F. Justice Conference Room
2009 NW 67th Place
Gainesville, Florida

2:00 p.m.
Wednesday
May 14, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Robinson, Chair
Jonathan Paul, Vice Chair
Dekova Batey
Linda Dixon
Steve Dopp
John Gifford
Michael Iguina
Debbie Leistner
Dean Mimms
Ha Nguyen
Karen Taulbee

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Bird
Ron Fuller
Harrel Harrison

OTHERS PRESENT

Jordan Greene
Rachel Henry
Doreen Joyner-Howard
Stewart Pearson
John Viellieux

STAFF PRESENT

Marlie Sanderson
Michael Escalante

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Doug Robinson, Regional Transit System (RTS) Chief Transit Planner, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Robinson introduced himself and asked others to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Chair Robinson asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to approve the meeting agenda. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair Robinson asked for approval of the March 26, 2008 TAC meeting minutes.

**ACTION: Dean Mimms moved to approve the March 26, 2008 TAC meeting minutes.
Mike Iguina seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Marlie Sanderson, MTPO Director of Transportation Planning, announced that the next MTPO meeting is scheduled for May 29th at 6:00 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium. He said that the TAC's next meeting is scheduled for May 28th.

Ms. Karen Taulbee, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Transportation Specialist, discussed the Interstate 75 Safety Project 30 percent design plans.

V. AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD- 60 PERCENT PLANS

Mr. Sanderson stated that Airport Access Road 60 Percent Design Plans have been submitted for review and comment. He noted that the Airport Access Road Project is receiving federal funds and will need the approval of the MTPO. He recommended approval of the Airport Access Road 60 Percent Design Plans.

Ms. Rachel Henry, RW Armstrong Senior Engineer, discussed the Airport Access Road 60 Percent Design Plans and answered questions. She noted that:

1. the recommendation to have the pavement width for the curb-and-gutter cross-section be the same as the swale cross-section was considered and rejected due to project cost limitations;
2. the crosswalk would be straight across the roadway where the existing trail is located;
3. there is no landscaping in Phase 1, the design plans would attempt to save as may existing shade trees as possible and that shade trees would be considered for the Airport Access Road medians in the landscaping plans;
4. the project includes two drainage basins; and
5. the offstreet bicycle/pedestrian trail would be built in Phase 2 of the project; and
6. inclusion in the design plans of Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board recommendations:
 - A. for a yield to pedestrian sign for the northbound right turnbay from Waldo Road; and
 - B. reduction of the northbound right turnbay turning radius.

A member of the TAC asked that some type of flashing signal warning system be considered for the bicycle/pedestrian trail crossing.

Several members of the TAC discussed their concerns regarding the project's consistency with the MTPO Urban Design Policy Manual requirement for bicycle and pedestrian facilities for new road construction.

ACTION: Jonathan Paul moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Gainesville Regional Airport Entrance Road 60 Percent Design Plans revised to show bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Phase 1. Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed 9 to 1.

Mr. Mike Iguina, Gainesville Regional Airport Facilities Manager, stated that the Airport prefers the bicycle/pedestrian trail constructed as part of Phase 2.

VI. DEPOT AVENUE SECTION 3- 90 PERCENT PLANS

Mr. Sanderson stated that the City has requested review comments from the Design Team. He discussed previous plans presented to the Design Team. He discussed the Depot Avenue Reconstruction Section 3 Construction Document 60 Percent Plans and answered questions. He noted that these plans may be modified to bifurcated the project at SE 2nd Street in order to address soil cleanup.

Mr. John Viellieux, Gainesville Traffic Engineer, discussed the Depot Avenue Reconstruction Section 3 Construction Document 60 Percent Plans and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Depot Avenue Reconstruction Section 3 Construction Document 90 Percent Plans, with the trees on the north side being retained or mitigated between SE 3rd Street and SE 7th Street. John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. INTERSTATE 75 MASTER PLAN

Mr. Sanderson stated that Florida Department of Transportation staff requested an opportunity to discuss the Interstate 75 Master Plan update.

Mr. Jordan Green, FDOT District 2 Rural Area Transportation Development Engineer, announced that there would be public meetings on June 12th in the FDOT District 2 Office in Lake City and at the Best Western Gateway Grand on June 19th in Gainesville. He said that the doors would open at 4:30 p.m. and formal comments taken beginning at 6:00 p.m. He discussed the Interstate 75 Master Plan update and answered questions.

Ms. Taulbee discussed the Interstate 75 speed study and answered questions.

VIII. ENHANCEMENT APPLICATIONS

Mr. Sanderson stated that June 1st was the deadline for submitting Enhancement Project applications. He said that the City of Gainesville is submitting an application for the NW 34th Street Sidewalk Project. He noted that due the cost of the Archer Road Rail/Trail that there was no need to submit any new applications beyond the NW 34th Street Sidewalk Project at this time. He reported the MTPO staff recommendation and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve the List of Priorities Projects Table 1 Enhancement Priorities with priority number 7 (NW 34th Street sidewalk) move up to priority number 1; and**
- 2. approve and submit the State Road 121 (NW 34th Street) sidewalk enhancement application this year.**

John Gifford seconded.

SUBSTITUTE ACTION:

Jonathan Paul moved to recommend that the MTPO:

- 1. approve the List of Priorities Projects Table 1 Enhancement Priorities with:**
 - A. priority number 7 (NW 34th Street sidewalk) move up to priority number 1; and**
 - B. priority number 5 (SW 8th Avenue sidewalk) move up to priority number 2; and**
- 2. approve and submit the State Road 121 (NW 34th Street) sidewalk enhancement application this year.**

Linda Dixon seconded; motion passed unanimously.

IX. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Sanderson stated that the TIP is the most important document that is approved annually by the MTPO. He said that the TIP is a staged implementation program of transportation projects consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with adopted comprehensive plans of Alachua County and the City of Gainesville. He added that, in order for Federal transportation funds to be spent in the Gainesville Metropolitan Area, they must be approved by the MTPO and included in this report. He noted that this year's document authorizes about \$9.8 million in Federal funds for projects within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area over the next fiscal year.

ACTION: John Gifford moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the Fiscal Years 2008/2009 - 2012/2013 Transportation Improvement Program with any necessary administrative changes. Jonathan Paul seconded; motion passed unanimously.

X. UNFUNDED PROJECT PRIORITIES

Mr. Sanderson stated the TAC, at its march meeting approved Landscaping Project Priorities. He said that since that meeting, FDOT staff informed MTPO staff that State Landscaping Funds are limited to the State Highway System (SHS). He presented the MTPO staff recommendation for SHS Landscaping Project and answered questions.

ACTION: Linda Dixon moved to recommend that the MTPO approve the draft List of Priority Projects:

**Table 2-
Landscaping Priorities.**

NUMBER	PROJECT	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
1	NW 13 th Street [US 441]	FM: NW 39 th Avenue [SR 222] TO: NW 6 th Street [SR 20]	provide landscaping to grassed medians
2	NW 39 th Avenue [SR 222]	FM: NW 43 rd Street TO: NW 34 th Street [SR 121]	provide landscaping to grassed medians
3	Hawthorne Road [SR 20]	FM: SE 27 th Street TO: SE 55 th Boulevard	provide landscaping to grassed medians
4	Archer Road [SR 24]	FM: SW 91 st Street TO: Interstate 75	provide landscaping to grassed medians
5	Newberry Road [SR 26]	FM: NW 98 th Street TO: Interstate 75	provide landscaping to grassed medians

* Projects must be constructible within the available State Road right-of-way.

John Gifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XII. INFORMATION ITEMS

There was no discussion of the information items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Date

Doug Robinson, Chair